

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, First Sergeant Leslie Aaron Kolden's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, First Sergeant Kolden has devoted 30 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Master Gunner in Artillery, including deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, volunteering to conduct pre-mobilization training as part of the South Dakota Pre-Mobilization Training Assistance Element for the 1ST BN 147TH Field Artillery, and served as the back bone for HHD 139th BSB as the First Sergeant; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, First Sergeant Kolden continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend First Sergeant Leslie A. Kolden for 30 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2011, as

FIRST SERGEANT

LESLIE AARON KOLDEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State